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Ms. Sara M. Taylor
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Taylor:

As you know the Senate Judiciary Committee has been conducting an ongoing investigation of the firings and replacements of a number of United States Attorneys.

One document released by the Department of Justice in response to requests from the Senate and House Judiciary Committees is a December 4, 2006, email exchange between former Chief of Staff to the Attorney General D. Kyle Sampson and Deputy White House Counsel William Kelley, copied to White House Counsel Harriet Miers. In Mr. Kelley's email, he states: "We're a go for the US Atty plan. WH leg, political, and communications have signed off and acknowledged that we have to be committed to following through once the pressure comes." During his March 29, 2007 appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Mr. Sampson testified that you headed the White House political operation at the time that office signed off on the plan. Mr. Sampson also testified that you were interested in giving Tim Griffin, now interim U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Arkansas, an opportunity to be a U.S. Attorney.

In light of the evidence we have gathered so far and as part of our Committee's ongoing investigation, we believe that we should have the benefit of hearing directly from you on this matter. To that end, we would like to work out a process for you to make yourself available to the Committee for interviews, depositions, or hearing testimony, on a voluntary basis, and to produce documents in your possession, control, or custody related to our investigation.

We fully expect that we will be able to work out a convenient arrangement. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
Chairman



ARLEN SPECTER
Ranking Member